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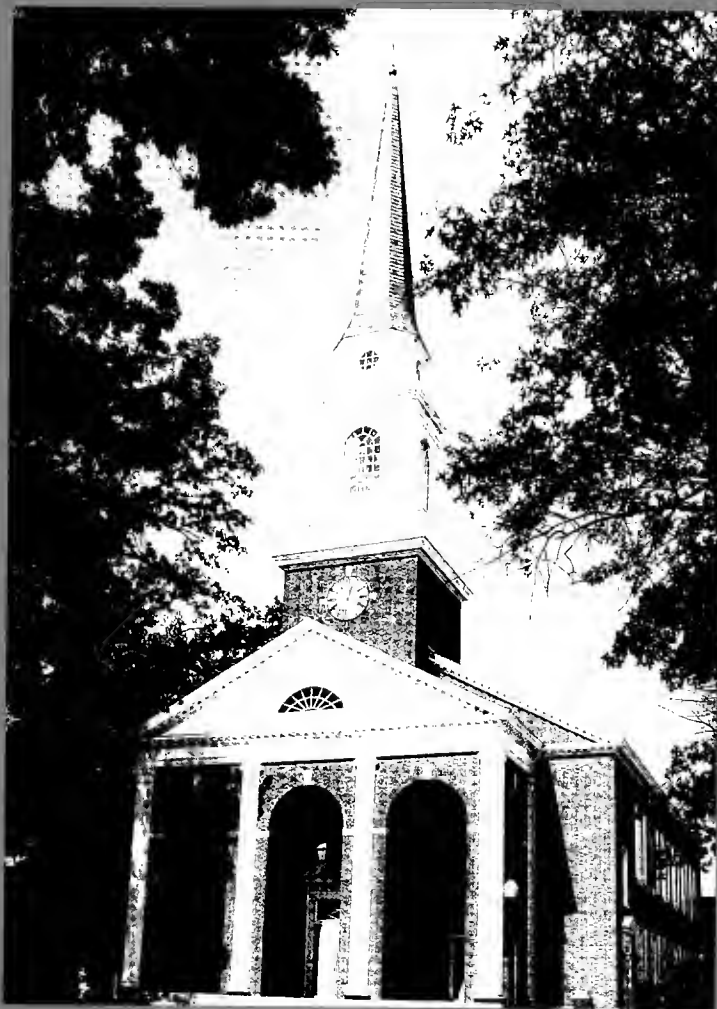
BELLE '95-'97







Bennett College



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Founded: 1873/1926**

Bennett Belle 1996-97

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About the College

Nestled in the heart of one of Greensboro, North Carolina's residential communities, Bennett College is the only historically African-American college for women in the state of North Carolina, and is one of two in the country.

The College is an accredited, private four-year liberal arts college for women and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The institution was founded in 1873 as a co-ed normal school and in 1889 was chartered as a four-year college. In 1926, Bennett redirected its mission to become a college dedicated to educating women.

Bennett has graduated over 5,000 women since 1930 and can boast a number of "firsts". Bennett graduated the first African-American woman to head the Peace Corps; the first African-American woman to head the YWCA; the first African-American female television news director in the country; the first African-American female appointed to the position of District Attorney in North Carolina; and the first African-American female to manage a major American brewery. Bennett students are primarily of African-American descent, however, the College includes and welcomes women of all races.

Bennett College maintains its distinction as an institution of higher learning by offering an education conducive to excellence in scholarly pursuits, preparation for leadership roles and life-long learning in a contemporary society. The College offers selected education, training and research experiences appropriate for preparation in the arts and sciences, the professions, and for public service.

Bennett College

***"Preparing Phenomenal Women for the Challenges and Opportunities
of the 21st Century"***

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Office of the President

Dear Class of 1997 and Sister Bennett Belles:

In days to come and in years to come, this account of academic year 1996-97 in this volume of the Bennett Belle will grow in value. You will leaf through it and recall the many wonderful experiences at Bennett. Many of them will be brought to life by a face you remember, much of what happened will present itself to you in the face of challenge of the realism of life.

It chronicles the account of this rare year in which:

- * for the first time since its construction in 194, the Annie Merner Chapel and the Little Theater have been under major repair and renovation and therefore unavailable for the "community gatherings" which are so much the central core of the ethos of Bennett College for Women;
- * the historical Carnegie Library which was the only library in Greensboro for African Americans to use until the late 1960's is under repair, renovation and restoration for use in the Community Empowerment Development Program;
- * the College, through the leadership of two of her daughters, Dr. Susie Powell and Mrs. Sallie Brown and their spouses, Drs. Franklin Anderson and Robert Brown, has engaged upon the first Capital Campaign since the 1973 Centennial Campaign which will provide an infusion of \$50 million in capital to fund the Chapel renovation, build the Women's Leadership Institute and its support systems, a Humanities and Social Services building, and an Honors Wing/Student Activity Space onto the David Dallas Jones Student Union building;
- * the students for the third time out of the last four years raised the highest amount of money for the pre-alumni council and presented Bennett College with the third National Miss UNCF, Belle Kelly Cole;
- * the first swimming team, "The Diving Belles" joined the "Dunking Belles", "Spiking Belles" and "Running Belles" to further extend the Intercollegiate Athletic Program;
- * the Science Belles won five of the top ten awards of the Beta Kappa Chi Research competition;
- * and the Class of 2000 entered as Freshwomen.

Bennett College is a very special place of nurturing to produce the well-educated professionals, informed participating citizens, enlightened parents, facilitators of social justice and effective, healthy utilizers of technology.

It has been my pleasure to provide presidential leadership since 1987 and a very special privilege to provide the leadership during this year for the continued, improved production of the important women leaders for the new millennium.

Sincerely,

Gloria Randle Scott, Ph.D.
President

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Miss Royal Blue and White (not
pictured)



SGA members strike a pose during the 13th Annual Founders' Day Recognition Banquet.



Tia Smith, SGA Publicist, engages in a friendly picture with Michelle Gilliard.



Student Government Association —



The yearbook staff would like to thank the S.G.A. members for an outstanding job during the 96-97 school year.



S.G.A. members enjoy a beautiful feast at the annual Founder's Day Banquet.

Amanda Pecchioni, S.G.A. President, poses for the camera at the historical Bennett "Belle".

Sisterhood Tradition . . . A Nurturing Environment

Throughout my matriculation at Bennett College, I have experienced much growth. As a freshman, I was overwhelmed by the idea of 600 college campus and what was still somewhat immature and unsure of myself.

Bennett College has provided me with a college life that I feel I could not receive anywhere else. I have become a part of the rich tradition and sisterhood which I heard speak so highly of...the true love for Bennett College and guided by professors who have been constant sources of inspiration and wishes for me to reach my goals. Professors who have insisted on excellence. They have been there for me and have done whatever was necessary to help me excel.

I have been affected by the deep sisterhood and have developed life-lasting friendships with Bennett sisters. Sisters in every sense of the word.

This is why it means so much to me to serve as Miss Bennett College. To represent an institution which has come to mean so much to me is a dream which has provided me with an education compared to none other. I have been educated not only academically but have been educated on how to survive and be productive as an African-American woman in a world which in some ways is still not ready for me.

Bennett College serves to educate African-American women and has helped mold me into the Phenomenal Bennett woman I was told I would be when I began my matriculation in 1993.

It is certainly a great honor and precious privilege to represent Bennett College. My only hope is that I continue to live up to the legacy which I am so honored, humbled by, and proud to be a part. God Bless You and May Heaven Always Smile Upon You.

With Sisterly Love,
Jasmine C. Canady
Miss Bennett College 1996-97



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With Sisterly Love,
Jasmine C. Canady
Miss Bennett College 1996-97



Jasmine is crowned by Dr. Gloria R. Scott, President and Ms. Jennifer Farris, Miss Bennett College 1995-96.

"Isn't she beautiful".
Jasmine and her proud father.

"I want to be Miss Bennett College one day" says
Little Miss Bennett College.
Jasmine understands that!

"Thank you for coming out. If you were a little taller . . ."
Dr. Scott looks on in amusement.



We are ALL Bennett Sisters just ask Miss Zeta Phi Beta and the beautiful ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Miss Player Hall, Miss Reynolds Hall and Miss Cone Hall sure do represent well.



The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta strike a pose for the camera.

"I just don't think about math all the time, I can dress up and look pretty."





**I can smile if I want to smile.
Miss Bennett College 1996-97.**

**Parents of Miss Bennett College,
Alphonso and Janice, pose with
escorts of the Royal Court.**



**Dr. Charlotte Alston '54 and Margaret
Dean Freeman '30 have a lot to talk
about.**



**"Here she comes . . . Little Miss Bennett College.
Miss Courtney Graham**





**Miss Royal Blue
and White
1996-97**

Miss Candace D. White



THE ROYAL COURT 1996-97



Miss Adrienne Perkins



Miss Amber Bradshaw



Miss Sharon Carter



Miss Fenice Glenn

LaKeisha Walker is set to begin her radio production

Kubrat and friends are lost for words as they smile for the candid camera



Monique Hunt giving our brother school Morehouse College a tour of the college

Happy Halloween! Tasha Richardson smiles for the camera as she gives out candy to trick or treater Deanna Williams



Twice the fun, twins Tameka and Shameka Brown





All work and no play! Deborah Dew studying hard as she prepares for class in Holgate Library.

Shana Dearing and Sharnetta Bennett stop for the camera as they enthusiastically go to chemistry lab! SIKE!!!



Power to the people, says Jenine Scott.



All Smiles!! Nakia Henderson and Natalie Hughes showing their pearly whites as they chill in Cone Hall.

Miss Bennett College Coronation 1995-96



Miss Bennett College 1994-95, Miss Deidre Pecchioni and Dr. Scott congratulate Miss Bennett College 1995-96, Miss Jennifer Farris.



Bennett Royalty
Miss Bennett College 1995-96, Jennifer Farris
Dr. Gloria R. Scott, President
Miss Royal Blue and White 1995-96, Gertrude Satumba



Two Phenomenal Bennett Women



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1996 Commencement Speaker



The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary



This was a day to remember, May 19, 1996.



It won't be long now before we become Bennett College graduates!



Pictures are worth a thousand words.



122nd Annual Founders' Day Convocation

Faculty members Dr. Michael Reed and Dr. Donna Oliver take the lead.



The Bennett College family ... Singing Together.



The Bennett College Choir soothes the soul with their melodies.

Dr. Scott welcomes historian John Hope Franklin.

Frank Jones, son of David Dallas Jones, gives the "contemporary word".



Founders' Weekend was also a time to work Just ask this group of Trustees, students and administrators.



Phenomenal women of Bennett with the Phenomenal men of Morehouse.

ce... God's wonderful Grace.
Alma Cooper '79 and Margaret
Freeman '30

The Founders' Banquet was the perfect time for Dr. Alma Adams, Bennett professor, to strut this hat and this smile.



1997 UNCF Telethon — Greensboro, NC



Dr. Scott explains the importance of the UNCF Telethon to host, Monica Stokes.



Thank you McDonald's for your gift to the UNCF Telethon.



Miss Bennett College UNCF 1996-97
Miss Kelly Cole



Jim Scott, host, makes sure that Everyone is working. We need the money!

UNCF Golf Tournament



Even with a sprained foot, Dr. Scott is ready for tee-off.

The winners of the men's team.



Bennett College UNCF Golf Tournament

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We thank our sponsors.

The winners of the ladies team. A Bennett Belle (third from left).

POLITICS

"We are in good company to develop our leadership skills." Amanda Pecchioni, SGA President, Congressman Mel Watt and Jasmine Canady, Miss Bennett College.

Yes! We voted for Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate.



Dr. Alma Adams, Bennett professor, campaigns for the North Carolina House of Representatives. She Won!

What'a man. Amy, Samantha and Jori pose with Harvey Gantt.





This Is College Life

BENNETT AROUND THE WORLD



BELLES IN CHINA

**Belles are not just spectators. We are
participants.**



BENNETT COLLEGE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Trick or Treat.



Sing me a song.



Okay, Mr. Policeman.

Merry Christmas.





BENNETT COLLEGE CHILDREN'S HOUSE Teach Us Well



MOTHER NATURE & ACCIDENTS

They do happen . . .



Campus Beautification



Students work to better campus.

ALL SMILES

Jacqueline Smith and
Keisha Reed



Lou Rawls, Dr. Gloria R.
Scott, Dorothy Colson and
Guila Cooper



Jasmine Canady
Miss Bennett College
1996-97



Dr. David Pinnix
Well, he's not smiling be-
cause he likes to concen-
trate on his music.

Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt





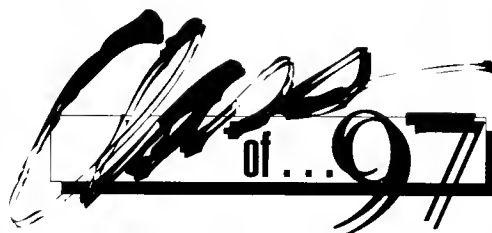
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"Always live a life of serenity, not a life of regret."



Najah Abdul-Sabur
Accounting

"If I can get through Bennett, I can get through anything."



Amy Alexander
Political Science

"One should make decisions on what one wants, and not on what one doesn't want."



Cusi Alexander
Business Administration

"With God in your life all things are possible."



Ama Annan
Political Science

"The future holds great rewards for those who prepare in the present."



Ann-Catherine Baker
Special Education

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13)



Wendy Belk

Interdisciplinary Studies

"Always keep God first in your life no matter what you may be going through all things are possible through my Lord Jesus Christ."



Michelle Bennett

Mass Communications



Sharnetta Bennett

Biology



Tiffany Monique Boles
Business Administration

"The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." (Phil 4:9)



Anissa Bowser

Business Administration

"Individual actions . . . are required to achieve success."



Jackie Brooks

Psychology

"If you only look at what is, you might never attain what could be, so in order to understand the world and its problems . . . first understand yourself."



Jervante Brown
Business



Shareka Renee Brown
Political Science

"If you have one true friend, you have more than your share." — Thomas Fuller



Tameka Renea Brown
Biology

"A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor woman perfected without trials."



Alisha Renee Burt
Biology/Pre-med

"Where there is no vision, the people will perish, but blessed is he who keeps the Word of God." (Prov. 29:18)



Jennifer Campbell
Business Administration/
Accounting

*"In the process of becoming a well-educated young woman, we need to listen to as many different points of view as possible."
— Dr. Charlotte Alston*



Tonja Cates
Social Work

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13)



Adria Cauthen
Elementary Education

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."



Shannon Celestine
Biology

"No major accident can stop you, when your goal is to constantly beat the odds."



Cecilia "Ray" Cephas
Business

"When you believe in God and yourself, anything your heart desires will come to you."



Dorene Tiffany Chavous
Biology



Jacenta Collins
English

"I've come this far by faith trusting in the Lord."



Rencé M. Colon
Elementary Education



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Biology



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Biology



Shana Dearing
Biology
"Your name will go further than you will."



Melodi Dice
Fashion/Merchandising
"Don't let anyone define who you are."



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Accounting



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Social Work



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Fashion/Merchandising

Give each day to the extreme for



Samantha Dow

Political Science

"Be a doer not a talker; for a doer spends so much time on the improvement of themselves they have no time to criticize others."



Brenda Drayton

Social Work



Dionisha Ducre

Elementary Education

People who know what and people who know how will work for people who know why it's those who can and for those who can't." being done.



Jennifer Faggins

Political Science



Stana Fields

Political Science

"Never give up and always strive for the best things that life has to offer."



Stacy Flowe
Computer Science

"No person is a friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow." — Alice Walker



Allisha Franklin
Mass Communication



Tonya Fuller
Biology

"Making the most of every situation requires labor and determination."



*Ardena Nyambura
Githara*
Political Science

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something; and what I should do and can do, by the Grace of God I will do."



Kera Green
Biology

"A good goal is like a strenuous exercise, it makes you stretch."



Giovanna Kenyon
Political Science

"Sometimes in life, you have to do what you don't want to do, in order to get where you want to be."



Mariacorazon Hill
English

"Jesus is the greatest! I dare you to try Him. He never fails."



Kimberly Kines
Music/Vocal
Performance

"When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." — Oatman



Gloria Huff
Psychology

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."



Felice Hughes
Mass Communications

"When it's from the West, it's only the best."



Jence' Hulin
English

"Always stand for something, but remember you are never standing alone with God."



Nikita Jackson
Biology

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." (Romans 8:28)



Melissa Jacobs
Mathematics/Engineer



Danielle Johnson
Accounting

*"Do a common thing in an uncommon way.
Be creative."*



Ericka Johnson
Biology

*"No weapon formed against me shall prosper,
because with God for me who can be against me."*



Jori Johnson
Mass Communications

*"Opportunity is missed because it is dressed
up in overalls." — Thomas Edison
(Thanks for the opportunity Bennett College)*



Shawn Johnson
English

*"... We are all born to strive and endure, you
as well as I ... do so." — Jane Eyre*



*Tami Fitisha Kaiba
Johnson*
Mass Communications

*"Don't worry about things you can't change.
It is easy to be consumed by the problems of
people you care about, but remember the
must handle their own problems just as you
must handle yours."*



Laticia Jolly
Biology

"Those that are kind reward themselves."
(Prov. 11:17)



Tameanadette Jones
Fashion/Merchandising



Sherese Jones
Biology

"If you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything." "God exists in many forms."



Brandi Kincaid
Psychology

"Let there be Colourz."



Cecilia LaRoche
Chemistry



Anita LeDeux
Business Administration

"You can't be friends with everyone but you can be friendly. It's not what or who you know, but how you treat others that counts."



Annisteen Lovelace
Social Work



Crystal McGray
Psychology

"A great self image is in knowing that I have been created in the image of God."



Keia Mobley
Biology



Sharnell Montgomery
Accounting

"Keep God first in everything you do and you always succeed."



Marya Moon
Biology



Marie Francis Moore
Psychology

"Those Belles! Those Belles! Will they have been the best and worst of my life. Stay positive focused and always be yourself."



Terri Moore
Biology

"You count all your blessing, you always
win a profit." — Robert Quileen



Amina Morrison
Biology

"O That's the way life is."



Rhia Naylor
English

"Failure is only a pothole on the road to suc-
cess."



Dara Nix-Stevenson
Biology

"... learn to cherish that boisterous Black
angel that drives you up one day and down
another protecting the place where your
power rises ... " — Audre Lorde from "For
Each of You"



Camille Overton
Biology

"The time of changing tide expresses my
years at Bennett College. Like waves my
years have come and gone shifting my
thoughts to the understanding of who "I" am
and "whose" I am."



Amanda Pecchioni
Political Science

"Do a little for yourself; do a lot for society."



Adrienne Perkins
Biology



Tashisha L. Linion
Biology

"Take time to be friendly. It's the road to happiness. Take time to work. It's the price of success. Take time to pray. It's the greatest power on earth. Take time to love and be loved. It's the way of God."



*Kweli
Rashced-Walker*
Psychology



Alethea Shepherd
Education



Shontonette Smith
Social Work



Tia Smith
Mass Communications
"Let the Creator be your catalyst."



Nicole Southern
Biology

"Being constructive will always be productive. The key to producing quality is building carefully."



Ramona Thompson
Social Work

"Enjoy life, this is not a dress rehearsal."



Stacey Thompson
Biology

"Successful people don't simply give a project hard work, they give it their best work." — Win Broden



Tanisha Tobe
Elementary Education

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."



Katrina Tolbert
Political Science



Diarre Foye
Business

"Just have faith in Jesus and He will give you power so that nothing shall be impossible to you."



Jenora Turner
Biology

"Live each day as if it's your last."



Keisha Valentine
Accounting

"Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world."



Carla Wall
Social Work



Billie West
Biology

"No matter what life may bring, good or bad, always press towards the mark of a higher calling."



Candace White
Biology



Lakira Wilburn
Psychology

"Dare to dream and take risk. If you are willing to work for your goal, don't expect others to." — Keith Kennedy



Mia Wyatt
Biology

Excellence is not an act but a habit. The things you do the most are the things you do best." — Marva Collins

CHANGE

by Jenee' L. Hulin

It began as the chittering and chattering about the challenge.

What was later is now today.

Healing hands of friendship offered shelter from the rain of obstacles.

Their cocoons endured the storm — Sometimes wrapped in worry

Only to transform into divas of distinction

A metamorphosis

Doctors of the dawn

Poets of the people

Journalists of justice

Teachers of truth

Artists of the age

African American assets

Four transformations later and now the years of yesterday have disappeared like fresh dew drops in the sunlight.

Their awkward clumsy steps towards the future are now soft and smooth like the fragrant petals of spring.

A collage of vanilla, mocha, chocolate, and licorice equal a tasteful work of art.

Flying forward and steady to new horizons,

Soaring so high that some say that the sun will singe their wings,

But their transformations echo a resounding "No!"

Beautiful and blessed they bid one another goodbye.



Bennett College is built on rich traditions and it is these traditions that shape Bennett Belles into Phenomenal Bennett Women.





The big sister/little sister program is also another tradition. Freshwomen are paired with Juniors in an effort to promote sisterhood.



Marnell Hughes and Nicole Bush gives a radiant smile for the camera.



Senior day is a day when the college community honors seniors with an A.C.E.S. program and a banquet.



It's party time! Potential graduates celebrate their achievements.

ACADEMIC CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES (A.C.E.S.) ARE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE WELL-ROUNDED PHENOMENAL WOMEN THROUGH RELIGIOUS, ACADEMIC, AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.

BELLES EAGERLY AWAIT THE OPENING OF THE CHAPEL DOORS.



BENNETT WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2000.

SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COLLEGE REGISTRY IS ALSO A BENNETT TRADITION.



YES, I CAN SEE MY NAME IN THERE.



Bennett B's



BE A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST - A good conversationalist is sympathetic and talks about matters which interest others. Above all, she does not monopolize the table talk or the room "causerie."

Conversation B's

Be thoughtful

Be courteous

Be sincere

Be considerate

BE COURTEOUS - It is a cherished tradition that Bennett girls are kind and hospitable to guests and strangers on the campus. They go out of their way to help them find places or locate their friends.

Courtesy B's

Be appreciative of the beauty of your dormitory home.

Be considerate of girls who are resting when you may be busy.

Be prompt to acknowledge services rendered you.

BE NEAT - Neatness is the basis of all beauty. Being neat suggests cleanliness, simplicity, order and refinement in every phase of every day life.

Neat B's

Be sure to form good habits in personal appearance.

Be mindful of the importance of a good 'hair-do'.

Be discriminating in your nail polish and your attire.

BE FRIENDLY - It is said that great friendships result from an aristocratic conception of humanity. It is an evidence of culture to show ourselves friendly without affectation.

Friendly B's

Be sincere in forming friendships with others.

Be tolerant of the differences which exist in people.

Be reserved in your friendship with the opposite sex.

BE SOCIALLY APPROPRIATE - Gracious manners are the basis of charm. A quiet voice, graceful posture and a pleasant expression give flavor to personality.

Social B's

Be restrained in your behavior in public.

Be careful to introduce yourself to guest with whom you tour the campus.

Be sensitive to the appropriateness of shaking hands.

The Bennett Legacy







*To the "Queen" of our Hearts,
Jasmine Carmel Canady*

*We are so very proud of you!
Continue to Strive to be the Best
in ALL you do...
The Legacy of Love
Continues...*

*Mommie and Dad
Janine, Jacquelyn, Wende, Jocke*

"DAUGHTER"

Adrienne Brendell Perkins

*Goals are dreams and wishes
that are not easily reached.
You have to work hard to obtain them,
never knowing when or where
you will reach your goal.
But keep trying! Do not give up hope.
And most of all...
never stop believing in yourself.
For within you there is someone special...
someone wonderful and successful.
No matter what you achieve,
as long as you want it and it makes you
happy, You are a **SUCCESS.***

-Rosemary DePaolis-

*Love Always,
Mom and Dad
May 18, 1997*

"To God Be the Glory"
Diarra Denise Toye

*On this beautiful occasion,
We Congratulate You
on the Successful Achievement
of becoming a 1997*

Bennett College Graduate!

*We thank God for the intelligence, beauty and
determination that He has bestowed upon
your life. May you continue to strive for
excellence in all of your future endeavors.*

"Take Courage"
*as you carry the family torch of
successful African American business
leaders into the New Millennium!*

We Love You!
Your Family



Congratulations
Wendi Belk

*We are so proud of you! You have
accomplished another goal in your life.*

Continue to pursue your Dreams.

Remember that there are

“Four runs on the ladder of Success”:

***Plan Purposefully, Prepare Prayerfully,
Proceed Positively and Pursue Persistently***

“Claie” & Daddy

Aunt Emma

Brother & Sisters

Academics

It's been a long day! Students eagerly await for class to be dismissed.

Congratulations to Ms. Wil-lacin Gholston for becoming a Bennett Scholar!



The Bookstore.

Education majors give an enlightening performance.



Dr. Treadway enhances his Calculus students and Takiyah Starks eagerly pays attention.



Dean Scarlette gives the 411 on who's who at Bennett College.

Dr. Scott shares her experiences as a woman leader to her Women's Leadership class.



Faculty and staff get schooled about the 96-97 school year.

MARC students take time out of their busy schedules to pose for the camera.

Faculty/ Staff

Maxine Bakeman
Sekhara Rao Basavaraju
Debra Battle
Millicent E. Brown



Francis L.A. Buckmire
Victoria E. Burke
Stephanie Carrino
Bruce Clark



Brenda Coates
Henry Collins
William Correll
Michael Cotton



Deborah Daniels
Wanda Davis
Christine Evans
Jimmie Gravely





**Loris Boyd-Groover
Jennifer Hall
Christine Holt
Valerie Johnson**



**Yolanda Johnson
Vita Jones
K. Gene Keenum Jr.
Asha Khopkar**



**Ruth Lucier
Stephanie Lynch
Yvonne McDonald
Charmaine
McKissick-Melton**



**Tiajuana Mosby
Odessa Oglesby
Roosevelt Oglesby
Funso Oluyitan**

Reginald Perkins
David Pinnix
Richard Lee Ponting
Jewel Richmond



Mary Scarlette
Jacquelyn Smith
Velma Smith
Nannette Smith



Sandra Surman
Eugene Tolbert
Ray Treadway
Dottie White



Macea White
Lea Williams
Albean Wordsworth
Dorothy Colson



Supportive Staff



Juniors

Jennifer Ajose
Courtney Alexander
Tammy Allen
Kandra Baker



Kendra Baker
Regina Bias
Shanquetta Blackmon
Shani Brown



Tammika Brown
Nicole Buchanan
LaToya Davis
Tammy Dines



Akilah Dukes
Janae Gaston
Keya Gaston
Nadirah Goldsmith



Makeda Ham
Rashida Haney
Michele Harris
Shamilah Harris





**Romeshia Hemmingway
Cisha Howard
Tyletha Hubbard
Shelly Huett**



**Marnell Hughes
Natalie Hughes
A. Monique Hunt
Carla Ingram**



**Marcene Jeffries
Dyora Kinsey
NaTarsha Jackson
April Langley**



**Alice Mason
Ebony Massenberg
Michele Miller
Rebekah Milton**



**Estella Perry
Tiffany Raules
Keisha Reed
Khalilah Saleem**

Jeanine Scott
Adrienne Smith
Zulema Sockwell
Belinda Speller



Deborah Starks
Takiyah Starks
Diona Street-Coe
Candace Taylor



Shawn Thomas
Kimberly Walls
Janetta Whatley
Lakeisha Walker



Keita White
Bianca Williams
LaShaun Willis



Sophomores



Mariska Adams
Starr Allen
Mickle Aronald
Deimetra Bell
Keesha Black



Stephanie Brooks
Alyntha Brown
Yolanda Butler
Edith Carter
Marella Carter



Tonya Chambers
Shanika Choo-Ying
Joy Conner
Chaquanna Cotten
Jessica Covington



Tirshatha Derricks
Tenille Frances
Tiffany Frazier
Kubrat
Gbajabiamila
William Goldstein



LaShawn Gray
Youlanda Green
Jamie Harris
Paquita Herring
Hope L. Iglehart

Lakeisha Johnson
 Lauren Jones
 Tebitha Kajese
 Antoinette Lebby
 Shannon Liggins



Erisha Lipford
 Ikisha Little
 Kelly M. Lockard
 Aisha I. Macfarlane
 Gabrielle Mallory



Jamela McFarlane
 Tamarian McIntyre
 Somonia
 Montgomery
 Kristi Moore
 Renee H. Moore



Sophia Mutamba
 Lakeshia Neal
 Nicole Newsome
 Furah Oguntugh
 Mara Patterson



Tarsha Richardson
 Selena Richardson
 Lawanda Riddick
 Katrina Robinson
 Tiffany Scurlock





**Martada Silva
Darlene Simmons
Duchess Slade
Alison Smith
Bethany Smith**



**Camilah Smith
Marie A. Smith
Kesha Sorrell
Kizzy Sowell
Rhona Stingley**



**Philippa Stuart
Dorthea Taylor
Myeshia Troy
Tonya Waystaffe
Kisha Ward**



**Daydra Wilks
Tangela Williams
Mecca Wright
Asheley Baity**

Freshwomen

Shae Anderson
Shannika Bacchus
Barika Barboza
Mia Beasley
Shaunda Beauman



Kamilla Bennett
Maia Bonnaparte
Jobina Brown
Roshana Bull
Jehan Bunch



Michelle
Bush-Randolph
Stephanie Cambridge
LaCrushia Carter
Janel Catlin
Tonelle Cook



Lakeyshia Courtney
Teniesha Crowder
Tanisha Dacosta
Keya Davis
Nicole Davis



Shalai Davis
Anita Duncan
Audrey Freeman
Elizabeth Fryer
Kesha Gambill





Jennifer Gardner
Jacqueline Gilliam
Fenice Glenn
Andrea Gordon
Lashawn Hall



Tara Harmon
Ebony Harrington
Sametria Hart
Dominica Hewett
Yannah High



Mattea Hill
Pia Holland
Kanika Hopkins
Hope Ingles
Shaneik Isaac



Yolonda James
Ramona Jefferson
Brandi Jones
Brandi Johnson
Lottise Kenny



LaToya King
Maya Lane
Chenise Lewis
Chana Mackey
Sannyu McDonald

Janel Milton
Chassidy Moore
Shelley Muldrow
Takaruda Muzorewa
Judith Hyabando



Crystal Newsome
Elisha O'Neal
Tahira Parker
Kristina Patterson
Pauline Njorge



Chantel Payne
Shayla Perkins
Tia Perry
Nazra Peterson
Tonya Poole



Latasha Robinson
Catherine Rogers
Sharon Sellar
Andrea Shelton
Lawanda Smith



Monica Smith
Nicole Smith
Fatu Stewart
Demetria Surratt
Candance Sutton





Tanesha Tomlin
Chantee Twyan
Rafia Vitalis
Tameka Watson
Candace Williams



Delores Williams
Kendra Winston
Marcia Wright
Labrenda Foster

Student Life

Belles Celebrating the end of FSI, 1995 summer session.

LaTishia, Cisha, and Bianca gives great facial expressions for the photographer.



Students have fun at campus Bar-B-Que.

Karen is all smiles at Bar-B-Que.



You can see in Sydney's face she loves giving blood.





Millie, Paquita, Wilican, and Edith posing after ACES program.

The frustrations of Registration.



Taking time out to chill.

Sisterhood is what Bennett is about.

We Are the Belles!



Class Officers

Sophomore Class:
 President
 Vice President
 Recording Secretary
 Corresponding Secretary
 Treasurer
 Parliamentarian
 Miss Sophomore

Tennille Francis
 Gabrielle Mallory
 Jamilah McFarlane
 Tiffany Posey
 Nicole Newsome
 Keya Samules
 Sherone Carter



Junior Class:
 President
 Vice President
 Recording Secretary
 Corresponding Secretary
 Treasurer
 Parliamentarian
 Miss Junior

Keisha Reed
 Adrienne Smith
 Keisha Dotson
 La Willis
 Tammy Dines
 Jennifer Ajose
 Amber Bradshaw

Freshwomen:
 President
 Vice President
 Recording Secretary
 Corresponding Secretary
 Treasurer
 Parliamentarian
 Miss Freshwomen

Roshana Bull
 Nicole Smith
 Kamari Adams
 Sannyu McDonald
 Tamara Crenshaw
 Shelly Muldrow
 Fenice Glenn



In Celebration and Recognition of
Kai Ashaki Cummings
on your Graduation.

*We were confident that you would realize this lofty goal - -
that of a College Graduate!*

*Your perseverance, commitment and diligence engendered you
to always strive to achieve, and you have.*

*The promise of a bright and successful future in your career
to educate tomorrow's leaders of the next millennium will be
realized.*

*Continue in your “**quest to be and to do your
best**” in your future endeavors.*

We are Very Proud of You!!!

*Love Always,
Dad and Mom (Zephrine & Evelyn)
Taiwo Omorede, brother
Jahnai, daughter & Daryl, father
Your Grandmothers, Louisa Cummings & Nettie Best
Your Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews of the
Cummings, Best, James, Johnson, & Hall Families*

*Let's always remember and cherish the love and contributions of our
beloved who are not with us for this joyous day and splendid
achievement: your Grandfathers, Prince Whitfield Cummings and
Matt Lee Best; your Uncle James Best and Aunt Helen Cummings-
Oliphant.*



The Bennett College Choir

During its 70 year history, the Bennett College Choir has developed a reputation of being one of the outstanding all-female choirs in the country. The members of the choir are from various academic disciplines within the College.

The choir has performed extensively throughout the southern, eastern, and midwestern United States during its annual March tour. Bennett College is one of twelve predominately African-American United Methodist Church-related institutions of higher learning in the country. The choir performs for church conferences and is in constant demand by local churches, schools and community groups.

The choir has an extensive repertoire of sacred and secular compositions from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. Special features include opera excerpts and gospel music.

The Bennett College Choir is under the direction of Ms. Valerie Johnson, instructor of music at Bennett College. Dr. David Pinnix, chair of the Department of Music and college organist, is the accompanist.

The sounds of Music

The Music ensemble

The sounds of music,
Darleen Simmions plays a
jazzy tune for the audience.



Members of the Bells of Harmines profile in front of the camera.

Kweli gives a spellbinding recital with the assistance of Dr. Pinnix.





Dr. Linda Brown admiring a piece from a Black art collection.

Dr. Adams and her art students admiring a portrait by James Biggers.



The Living Madonna, painting especially designed for the chapel by Eva Hamlin Miller.

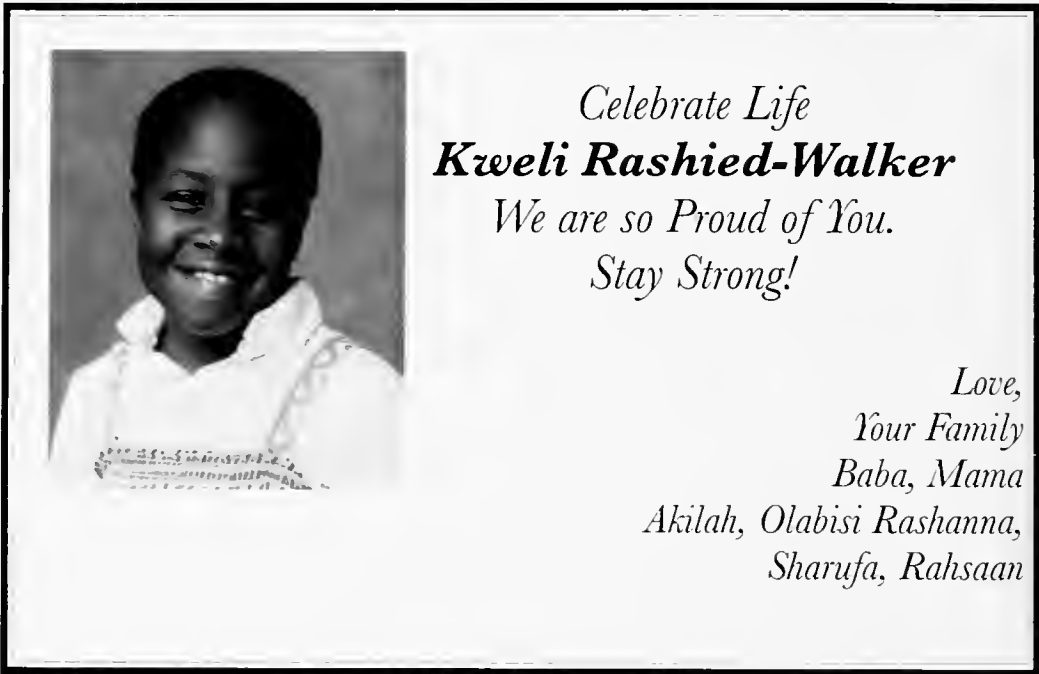
John Biggers discusses his work with Gloria Scott and Alma Adams.

Campus Life



Campus Life





*We are so Proud of You.
Stay Strong!*

Love,
Your Family
Baba, Mama
Akilah, Olabisi Rashanna,
Sharufa, Rahsaan

With our sincere Love and Affection,
Beverly King Belton, Mother
Clementine Pipes King, Grandmother
Wayne B. King, Uncle

Stana Fields

*Continue to go for your dreams.
They are coming closer and closer.*

*Love,
From all the Family*

CONGRATULATIONS
Tanya Suzanne James

*We Love You!
Continue to Soar High!
God Bless You!*

*From Mom and Dad,
Jon & Theron*

Campus Life





Campus Life

Khia Kahan Naylor

Like stroke of Lighting In the Night, Some mark to make Some word to Tell.

Langston Hughes

To Our Black Butterfly,

The time has come for you to truly spread your wings and soar. Always remember to take with you our voices, thoughts and love. May the Ancestors continue to Bless you with a clear mind, a thoughtful heart and a powerful spirit.

*As Always,
Your Family*

Congratulations
Kera Joetta Green

Your dreams have been fulfilled.

*May God Bless You
as you continue on your
journey. Your Pop-Pop is
watching over you.*

Love,
Your Family

Ama D. Annan

*You have all our confidence
as you enter the real world.*

*Your success is already
assured.*

Congratulations!

*May all your future wishes
come true.*

God Bless You!

Love,
From the Entire Family



Nicole Newsome sophomore from Ohio enjoys her prize in front of the camera.

Great, two more miles left.



The track stars of Bennett College.



Kera Green knows the importance of stretching first.



Run Forest Run!



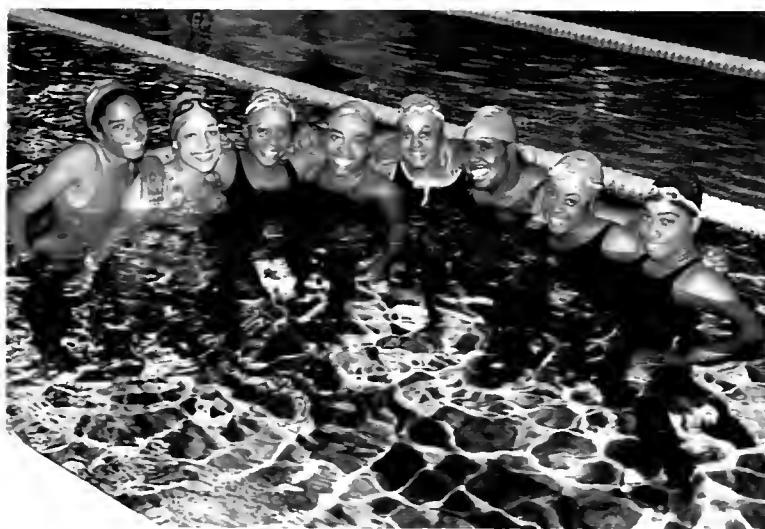
The Basketball Team

left to right: Sifelani Khumbula, Sherone Carter, Latoya Williams, Amanda Pecchioni, Robyn Toliver, Laticia Jolly, Latoya Tyus
(Not Pictured) Shonteh Henderson, Ayesha Claytor, Yolanda James, Nyree Waters, Tamera Crenshaw, Adereea Jenerette, Tennille Francis, Kisha Ward.



The Track Team

Left to Right: Tennille Francis, Jamika Watley, Kera Green, Tammika Brown.
Back row: Hope Inglehart, Kim Wilson, Key Gaston



The Swim Team

left to right: S. Johnson, B. Jeffries, S. Campbell, K. Moore, M. Bonaparte, M. White, Rashied-Walker, M. Ivy



The Track Team

Back Row: Coach Bibbs left to right: Kolitta Leusuer, Briana Lawrence, Raquel Green, Kumari Adams, Latasha Robinson, Jamila Maddox, Anita Duncan.
Front Row: Nicole Newsome.

The Cheerleaders

Carla Ingram, Dyora Kinsey, Stephanie Cambridge, Andrea Gordon, Shantay Dove, Kyra Carroll, Rashida Haney, Rasheeda Mitchell, Jamie Harris.



The Volleyball Team

Back row: Shana Dearing, Barika Barboza, Kubrat Gbajabiamila, Jamie Gassaway, Shantay Dove. **Middle row:** Laticia Jolly, Kim Wilson, Demtria Bell, Allison Smith. **Front row:** Andrea Jenerette, Amanda Pecchioni.



The cheerleaders pump up the crowd!



Strike a pose.



AJ goes for the goal.



Yes! Two points.



Members of the volleyball team eagerly await a turn to bunt the ball.

Kweli holds the lead in the relay race.



Watch out for the net!

Bethany swimming to victory.

Bennett Belle Yearbook Staff 1996-97



The 1996-97 Yearbook Staff has chosen "Stepping Forward", as our theme for this edition of the Bennett Belle. "Stepping Forward" best describes my matriculation through this great institution. I am able to testify to the growth that I have experienced coming in as a freshman and now as a mature raising senior. Earning the opportunity to become the editor of this yearbook which represents Bennett, is a great privilege. Leadership, that's what it's all about and being at Bennett has given me the opportunity to be all that I can be. With the support of a dedicated staff and a great advisor, the challenge of producing a first-class yearbook was not as difficult as it could have been. Few realize that opportunity often comes in the form of hard work. Bennett College has taught me that without

struggle, there is no progress. I would like to thank my entire staff for being supportive and understanding and for realizing that this yearbook represents all of us and that each one of us as a team player made the production of this book a success and a learning experience. Thank you to my Bennett sisters, faculty, staff, and administrators for your assistance in making sure that you did your part in the creation of this book. Most of all, thanks to God for giving me the patience to endure and my dear Mother for her guidance and support. Please enjoy the 1996-97 edition of the Bennett Belle. I'll see you next year.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Tammy Dines
 Tammy Dines, Editor

1996-97 Yearbook Staff

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Special thanks to Chip Foust and Gene Keenum.

Clubs and Organizations



AMBASSADORS ASSOCIATION

Purpose of the Organization: To assist in student recruitment and tours of the campus.



AKA

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INC. — (ZETA XI Chapter)

Purpose of the Organization: To cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women; to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women; to maintain a progressive interest in College life and to be of service to all mankind.





Americorps (Project Safety net)

The purpose of Americorps is to go into local communities, and to teach conflict resolution, and peer mediation skills to the youth. By incorporating these programs in our communities, our goal is to help promote peace in the United States. By helping our next generation of leaders learn why conflicts occur, and how we can prevent violence by learning how to sit down, and deal with our conflicts.



Chemistry Club:

The purpose for the Chemistry Club shall be to Achieve a better awareness of careers in chemistry and related areas for all students, encourage scholarship, better the relationship between chemistry students and the Science Division, provide a central agency for the expression of student thought, develop and encourage mature leadership on the part of the students, and to promote student spirit and loyalty.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The purpose of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is to promote human welfare, academic excellence, and to provide assistance to the needy on the college campus as well as the surrounding community through public service.





PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Purpose of the Organization: To influence undecided students to participate in Psychology majors.



PSI CHI (National Honor Society in Psychology)

Purpose of the Organization: To encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarships and advancing the science of Psychology.



Rotaract

The purpose of the Rotaract club is to promote community service locally, and internationally through various sub-committees that are created to deal with specific areas; such as fundraising, community service, club service, international, and professional affairs.





READER'S THEATRE



STUDENT NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS (SNCAE)

Purpose of the Organization: To promote professional development for Pre-Service Teachers and to help prospective educators develop an understanding of the education profession.



BENNETT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Purpose of the Organization: To promote academic achievement and leadership in addition to community service.



EMBER

The purpose of EMBER is to rekindle a powerful bond through Jesus Christ that will promote and enhance unity, intellectuality, spirituality and harmony among the sisters of Bennett College and the nation.



BENNETT COLLEGE CAMPUS SCOUTS

Purpose of the Organization: To help girls develop to their fullest potential and become happy, resourceful citizens.



BELLES OF HARMONY GOSPEL CHOIR

Purpose of the Organization: To stimulate and motivate Christian principles and a high order of personal living; to provide a socio-religious organization for students who embrace the love for gospel music; and provide a ministry of music for campus worship at designated times.





NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Purpose of the Organization: To improve the political, educational, social and economic status of minority groups; to eliminate racial prejudice; to keep the public aware of the adverse effects of racial discrimination; to take all lawful action to secure its elimination, consistent with the efforts of the national organization; and in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Constitution, the bylaws and by the National Board of Directors.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

Purpose of the Organization: To work to enforce and enhance the quality of life for the Black woman, her family and the community; building on the traditional strengths and values of the Black family as a means of dealing with problems that affect every member of the Black family in the community and the nation.



POLITICAL PACESETTER CLUB

Purpose of the Organization: To enhance and make all students aware of the political events on and off campus.



THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Purpose of the Organization: To produce a high quality yearbook for the Bennett College Community.



ZΦB

ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Purpose of the Organization: To encourage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural and educational programs; to promote service projects on campus and in the community; to foster "Sisterhood" and exemplify the ideal of the Finer Womanhood.



NINETY SEVEN

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

| | |
|--|--|
| Most Academic | Adrienne Perkins |
| Most Athletic | Laticia Jolly |
| Class Clown | Jenora Turner |
| Teacher's Pet | Stacey Thompson Jenora Turner |
| Best Dressed | Angela Prince |
| Most Energetic | Amanda Pecchioni |
| Most Friendliest | Melodi Dice |
| Most School Spirited | Amanda Pecchioni |
| Best Eyes | Sharnell Montgomery |
| Best Smiles | Dionisha Ducree Stacy Flowe Crystal McCray |
| Best Friends/Roommates | Terri Moore & Stana Fields |
| Most Quiet | Lakira Wilburn |
| Most Popular | Terri Moore Class of 1997 |
| Most Talented | Laticia Jolly |
| Most Unique | Iamanaðette Jones |
| Most Active | Amanda Pecchioni |
| Most likely to end up on Ricki Lake in 10 years | Candace White |
| Best Voice | Jori Johnson |
| Best Dancer | Ayeesha Abdul-Rahiin |
| Most Environmentally Conscious/Politically Correct | Stacey Thompson |

NINETY SEVEN

WHAT'S IN/WHAT'S OUT

| | <u>IN</u> | <u>OUT</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Clubs in Greensboro:</u> | Q-Tips | DYH |
| <u>Hair Color:</u> | Streaked (highlights) | Blonde (platinum) |
| <u>Shoes:</u> | boots (knee & ankle) | British Knights |
| <u>Dance:</u> | Bank-head Bounce | Macarana |
| <u>Food:</u> | Pizza/Mayflower | McDonald's |
| <u>Magazine:</u> | Vibe/Emege | YSB |
| <u>Car:</u> | Lexus Jeep | 300ZX - Nissan & Ford Escort |
| <u>Jeans:</u> | Calvin Klein | Guess?? |
| <u>Rapper:</u> | Tupac Shakur | Run DMC |
| <u>Singing Group:</u> | 112 | New Edition, TLC, Boys II Men |
| <u>Male Singer:</u> | Artist Formerly known as Prince | Michael Jackson |
| <u>Female Singer:</u> | Toni Braxton | Whitney Houston |
| <u>Music (Type):</u> | R & B | Rap, Reggae |
| <u>Hairstyle:</u> | Bob and Braids | Fingerwaves |
| <u>T.V. Show:</u> | New York Undercover | Martin |
| <u>African-American Books:</u> | Don't Block the Blessing by: Patti Labelle | Waiting to Exhale by: Terry McMillian |
| <u>Political Figure:</u> | Bill Clinton | Newt Gingrich |
| <u>Sports Star:</u> | Dennis Rodman/Afernee Hardaway | Michael Jordan/O.J. Simpson |
| <u>Saying or Quote:</u> | Whatever!!! | Sike!!! |

Who's Who





LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- I, **Ayesha Abdul-Rahim**, leave to my Bennett sisters the meaning of true sisterhood, a bond that withstands all tests.
- I, **Casi Alexander**, leave Bennett my true friend. Honor her as a precious jewel and watch her shine. Love ya like a sister, Tarsha.
- I, **Ama Annan**, leave to my lil sister, Tenille F., strength & perseverance, so all your goals may come true. I also leave you a tape recorder so you can tape yourself and listen to that lovely whining you do so well. You are the sis I never had. I will miss you. Love, Ama. To my girls, Bighead (S.D.), M.L., T.J. (Laugh), Chin (Oh Gosh), Stephanie, Ayesha, & my adopted little sisters. I will miss you all with all my heart. Stay in touch.
- I, **Wendi Belk**, leave to my little sisters, Trina and Chana, all of my love and confidence. to "Clueless", I leave my leadership abilities and my love for helping others. To Shaunielle — I leave you all the good times and sad times. I love you and will miss you sooooo much. To sweet Zeta Xi, I leave my love, leadership, and determination. I love ya'll and will miss ya'll. Skee-wee
- I, **Anissa Bowser**, leave to the FAMILY the ability to survive Bennett College. To Chaquana Cotten and all my Bennett sisters live your dreams to the fullest.
- I, **Shareka Brown**, leave to my beloved lil sister, Sherone C., perseverance, and confidence to be a teacher. I love you! to Kanika B., Amber B., & LaShaun W., determination and strength to accomplish success for all future endeavors. To the ladies of the Omicron Delta Chapter of DST Sorority, Inc. I leave continued success and dedication of our precious organization in your hands. Always wear the letters of DST with pride.
- I, **Tameka Brown**, leave Kanika B., Amber B., & LaShaun W., my enduring and everlasting love. Always remember that each of you, have the ability to become a teacher, psychologist, and a chemist in the future. I love you guys. To all my beautiful line sisters of DST, I leave love and dedication of our great sorority to keep striving in the hands of the capable, reliable women among the Bennett College family.
- I, **Alisha Burt**, leave God's blessings and protection to my Bennett sisters and College community. To Kumari A. Nicole N., & Shalai D., I leave a mirror so that you all can check your attitudes. I love you all & I'll miss you. To Te'Ressa and Chassidy, I pray that you become examples to those around you. To my lil sisters, Ikisha and Joy F., I leave you all my wisdom, perseverance and strength. To the BOH, I leave you God's Anointing and vision to continue to minister God's word.
- I, **Shannon Celestine** of knowledge, mind, and broken up, yet lustrous body, leave to my sister, Belinda S. — my love, attention, and a phone so she can call me anytime. To my Best Friend, Sherese J., a jar to catch all her laughter and save it for later. To Marci I, a "New Best Friend" and to Shanta M., a phone card for \$1100.00
- I, **Jacenta Diane Collins**, leave to my sister, Shannon L., my love for Bennett College. I leave my strength and willpower to graduate from Bennett to Aarin, Valeria, and Shannon.
- I, **Autumn N. Cutler**, leave to my Bennett College sisters and noble women of DST, my unconditional love, support, perseverance, and my sense of humor. (Reminder: Keep Praying!).
- I, **Shana Dearing**, leave all the love & guidance to K. Ellington, A.J., and T. Francis; Ama & Laticia, I will miss you dearly. Michelle, Shanika, Tiffany, I love you guys and to the 58 RAC's, I love you and much success to you.
- I, **Samantha Dow**, leave to Sweet Zeta Xi, my love, respect, and devotion. To my Babies, my determination, business attitude, and perseverance. Felisca and Carmella, my ability to reason accurately and live productively.
- I, **Dionisha Nila Ducree**, being of sound, mind, & body, leave La'Shaun, Amber, Elisha, Ingrid & Kanika my love, dedication, phone number, & invitations. I thank God for gracing me with your presence. I love you all dearly.
- I, **Ardena Nyambura Githara**, leave to my little sisters, Precious and T.S. (Illinois) perseverance and strength that only comes when you are in prayer with God. To Bennett College Community — my smile, strength to overcome adversity and the will power to be a leader who knows how to follow. To AKA Sorority, Inc. — my motto: The more you think you know; the more you realize you know nothing at all.
- I, **Giovanna Henson**, leave my sense of humor and intelligence to my sister Marie S. I encourage you to become involved and to be the best Bennett Belle you can be. To soror S.P. — keep up your A's that will get you that Ph.D. I love you and will miss you. To the ladies of AKA Sorority, Inc. — my brilliant mind, charisma, love and strength to survive Bennett College. I love you sweet Zeta Xi!

Jenee Hulin, leave my little sister, Lilian Fitzgerald, and FSI '96, the strength to endure the struggle. Know that I have faith in you and always keep God first.

Deborah Dew, leave to the emerging Bennett sisters who will be the first graduates of the 21st century, the task of being reconstructivists, as past Belles before me. To reconstruct Bennett to continue the legacy of promoting good will among its alumni that results in stability and order for mainstream society. I also leave you all the wisdom and knowledge I've acquired over my four years.

Stana Fields, leave to my little sisters, Tameka and Mickelle, my will to achieve my goals and never to give up. To Keante, I leave my refrigerator and my troll doll.

Michelle Gailliard, leave the following things to the following persons . . . my Bennett sisters — struggle and determination . . . Omicron Delta — positive thoughts and sincerity . . . A.C. — an uncomfortable bed . . . A.P. — Kentucky Fever dance lesson . . . L.V. — a book on arguing peacefully . . . A.P. — 8.6 million in the lottery . . . J.C. — a white fence, 2.5 kids, and summers off . . . A.L. — self-control.

Ericka Johnson, being of sound mind and body pass the torch of wisdom, strength, dedication, sensitivity, and outspokenness to K. Reed, J. Ajose, and also the OO-OOP to all members of DST.

Jori Johnson, leave the following: Yesterday is gone!! Tomorrow is not Promised!! The only TIME you have is NOW! ACCEPT the Lord Jesus Christ — Now! He's Coming Soon!

Iamanadette Jones, wish Tiffani Scurlock the best on becoming Miss Bennett. To Mecca, I leave the memories of our many escapades together. To Shelonda, I leave the 310 miles of highway between Greensboro and D.C.

Laticia Jolly, leave my patience, determination and positive attitude towards life to Andrea, D.J., and K.B. When things go wrong, remember that you'll always have me by your side.

Brandi Glenique Kincaid of bizarre mind and colorful body, leave my heart felt gratitude to Mrs. Scarlette, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hatch, Mr. Grant, all the other faculty, staff, and administrators that helped me during this journey.

Annisteen Pack-Lovelace, leave to the Future Bennett Belles the will, wisdom, and spirit to walk by faith and not by sight.

Sharnell Montgomery, leave to Bennett College my negative attitude and negative people. I leave to my line sisters the best of luck in whatever you endeavor. Take care of OD and always be true to your sorors.

Terri Moore, leave love and success to Ashleigh; brains and gas money to Renee; and Bousard's Bar, house and money to Keante. I love you all. I'll be back for you in 1999.

Camille "The Hairdresser" Overton, hereby leave to all my fellow Belles luck, in finding someone new to keep you looking beautiful. I love you little sisters, Shanika C. & Paquita H.

Amanda Pecchioni, leave the following: Thanks to all who supported me as SGA President; To my Doggs: J.C. — my credit cards, A.C. — the ability to pronounce, "Italian," A.P. — MF Qs; L.V. — my good credit, E.J. — my love, M.G. — a ban on Ebonics. To DST continued success. My family, my Eternal Thanks.

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Tia Smith, leave to all Belles: continue in your spiritual growth and find peace in the Creator — no matter what the struggle may be.

Stacey Thompson, bequeath to Diona success, happiness, and stress-free Senior year. Adrienne S., no more ordering the pizza, senior! Amber — recycle, recycle, recycle. Love to you all.

Tanisha Tobe, leave behind my love and understanding to all my Bennett sisters.

Jenora Turner, leave the gifts of patience, diligence, and happiness to C.H., M.M., and G.M. For with these qualities and GOD — all things are possible.

Millie Rochell West, leave my sanity, good health and all the hair that has fallen from the crown of my head. Then specifically to my Bennett sisters, teachers, staff, and administration (in that order) I leave all the good and bad memories we've shared, that has helped me grow.

Mia Wyatt, hereby leave to my lil sister, Wanda, my sense of humor, strength, and the courage to do those things you desire. Much love to Tiffany P. Brandi, Ty, Lexy, and Nikki.

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery

I cheered on the day you took your first steps. I stayed awake on prom night. I shed a tear and said a prayer the day you departed for college.

Today I pause and thank the Lord. I celebrate with pride and joy. You made it. I knew you could.

I want you to know that I am very proud of you. I hope the experience and knowledge you have gained over the past four years will serve as a stepping stone to help you climb the ladder of success and will inspire you to reach out to others so that they too may be motivated to obtain a college degree.

I pray you will continue to build upon the strong foundation built for you by family and friends.

Always remember that nothing is impossible when you put your faith in God. So add to your faith, virtue - and to virtue, knowledge - and to knowledge, temperance - and to temperance, patience - and to patience, Godliness - and to Godliness, brotherly kindness - and to brotherly kindness, charity.

Forever stay under the Authority of God, obey His Word and seek first the Kingdom and you will go places beyond limitations. I always knew you had the ability to achieve, the ability to succeed, the ability to accomplish, and the ability to stay focused. Why did I know this? Because I've watched you grow. I've watched you mature and I've watched how you have developed into a beautiful young lady. I am very proud of your accomplishments and congratulations on a job well done.

I Love You,
Your Mother
Gloria

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery

We are very proud of your achievements and accomplishments.

We always knew that you would succeed, because you were constantly in our prayers. God heard and answered those prayers. We thank God for guiding you, leading you and protecting you. As you go forth in life, always apply Godly principles and God will forever walk by your side.

**We Love You,
Grandmother Blanche &
Great Grandmother Marion**

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery

We can't believe that it was not so long ago, we were carrying you to each new shopping mall.

Today, we congratulate you on completing four years of college. We watched you as you grew into a lovely young lady. May God Bless you as you continue on your future road to success with the courage to accomplish all you can.

**Love You,
Aunt Shirley
Aunt Ann
Uncle Gordon**

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery

It only seems like yesterday that we all rushed to welcome you into this world. We admired the new personality that was warm, friendly, inquisitive and conspicuous. We shared in your laughter, your humor, your candidness and now we are happy to share in your joy of Graduation. May Peace be with you always.

**The Millers
Uncle Jimmy
Aunt Arletia
Jim, John, Robert**

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery
We congratulate you on this special day, we share your joy, your hopes and dreams. We were always confident that you would achieve because we saw it in your character as a little girl. And as you graduate with joy, forever keep it in your heart and pass it on to others as a deposit for the next generation. Always give unto the Lord and your desires will be multiplied with everlasting love and Blessings.

**With Our Love,
Aunt Minnie & Uncle Howard**

***Sharnell
Montgomery***

*Congratulations on your first
college graduation.*

*This is your first
accomplished milestone
and we are confident
that you will accomplish
many more in the future.*

*We wish you a future
filled with
Love and Blessings.*

***Love You,
Uncle Thurman
&
Aunt Yvonne***

***Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery***

*For Making
Your Dreams
Come True.
Wishing you
Blessings,
Health,
and a
Future filled with
Happiness.*

***Love You,
Uncle Clifton
&
Aunt Lena***

***Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery***

*On Your Great
Achievement!*

*We, the students and
tutors of
Community Club
are very
Proud of You!*

Paul Dornan

Sharnell Montgomery

*We congratulate you on this
great achievement!
You've met the challenge
and set an example for
others to follow.*

*We know that your future
will be bright
because you have what it takes
to succeed.*

*We love you and
are very proud of you!*

***Aunt Lessie
Rani & Regan Washington
Robin & Troy Eggleston***

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."
Ephesians 6:1

Sharnell Montgomery

*It makes me proud to see how much
you have accomplished in life. I
often think that if I had a daughter,
I would want her to be like you.
Always remember to put God first in
your life. I think your Mom is
Blessed to have such a lovely
daughter as you.
Congratulations and Keep
up the good work!*

*Love in Christ,
Rebecca Wiley and Andrew*

Congratulations

Sharnell Montgomery

*On Your Flight
in Life,
Choose God
As Your Pilot,
Jesus Christ
as Your Co-Pilot
and
The Holy Spirit
for Your Landing*

*Love You,
Margaret Winston*

Here's Wishing You:

S uccess
H appiness
A ffluence
R everence
N obleness
E legance and
L ots of
L ove

*Congratulations
and*

Best Wishes

DeLores D. Bell-Randall

The Way to Go

Sharnell!

*Love,
Joanie Amick
and
Your Friends
at
Community Club*

Sharnell,
Congratulations

*We are Proud of You
and
We Love You!*

*Cousins
Tim,
Daisy
&
Timiya Greenfield*

Congratulations
Sharnell Montgomery

*On Your
Completion
of a
Long Road
of
Hard Work.*

*Love,
Steve Turner*

To My Dearest Sister
Sharnell,

*We met a short while ago, but our
relationship has blossomed into
something beautiful. Graduating is
a very important time in your life
and I'm glad to be a part of it.
With your enthusiasm and positive
attitude, I have faith that you will
succeed in your every endeavor.
I offer my love and support to you
always.*

*Congratulations,
Lil Sis!!!*

Letitia Lawson

Sherese M. Jones

*Take with you words, strong words
of courage; Words that have
wings... Take with you Holy
words, words that know God;
Words that are sacred as healing
waters; Pure as light, and
beautiful as morning; Take with
you tall words, words that reach
up; Take with you Holy words,
words that know God.*

*Love,
Mom*



Shana Dearing

God Blessed us with you, our first born. You have been the joy of our life. Your sweet disposition and giving heart are just a few of the attributes you possess. You have been a good example for your sister by exercising the principles that you have been taught throughout the years.

As you meet the many challenges of life, always remember to live by these words:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Love,
Dad and Mom*



Congratulations Shana Dearing

Surely, you are a person of strength.

Honesty,

Ability,

Nobel actions, and

Always abounding in the works of the Lord.

Each chapter that is ending, leads you to a new beginning.

The path that you are leaving, means a future that you are winning.

No hills too steep, no mountains too tall; With hope and faith, you can conquer all.

Keep climbing until all of your dreams come true,

May God continue to keep and Bless You.

***Love,
Pat and Monique Abbott***

Congratulations
Shana Dearing

*This is your beautiful, little sister
telling you how much I love you
and how I'm so proud of you
graduating (even though I'm
graduating to the 10th grade. I'll
be a sophomore). You have been a
good and precious sister to me.*

*I Love You and
Thank God for You.*

*Peace Out,
Shanita Dearing*

Congratulations
Shana Dearing

on your achievements!

*Your determination and hard work
have helped you to achieve your
ultimate goal, "to obtain a college
degree." You have been a Blessing
to our families and we are proud
of your accomplishments. Always
remember "**Who you are** and
Whose you are" and He
will continue to direct your path.*

*Love,
Jewel, Stanley, LaKesha & Noel*

Shana Dearing

*He who began a good work in
you, is faithful to complete it.
So keep your life so constantly in
touch with God that His
surprising power can break
through at any point.*

*Just wait upon God and be
grounded in Him. Live in a
constant state of expectancy and
leave room for God to come in as
he decides. Congratulations on
your academic achievements. We
are proud of you.*

Agape, Janice and Rasheeda

Congratulations
Shana Dearing

*When we first started college,
we were all in it together.*

*However, you're the only
one who got through and came out
on top. We are proud of you.
After this day, we know life will
be very successful. Good Luck
and God Bless You.*

*Love,
Tiffany, Jeanine,
Tanya and Keshia*

*C*reative

*A*rtistic

*N*ubile

*D*istinguished

*A*lluring

*C*ompassionate

*E*legant

*D*ynamic

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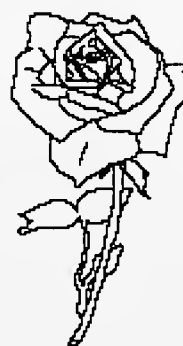
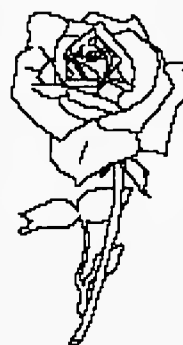
*T*enacious

*E*loquent

Congratulations on your Graduation

from Bennett College

May 1997



*Love,
Mom & Bill*

Dear Candace,



*We are so happy that you are graduating. We are very proud of you!
We Love You!*

Your brother Carl and your sister Chelsea

Dearest Candace Deanna,

*You are our first grandchild to obtain your College degree.
We have watched you grow into
the beautiful young lady that you are.
May God continue to Bless you
as you continue on to Medical School.
We will be there to applaud those accomplishments
and any others that you may obtain.*

*Love,
Your Grandparents
Clarence and Rosie Brookins*



Dionisha N. Ducree

*I'm so proud of you
Dionisha
on your college graduation.*

*I Love You Very Much,
Your mother*

Dionisha N. Ducree

*You're really something special.
You should feel so proud of yourself,
enduring all the rough times
with determination and self-confidence.*

*I'm so proud of the woman
you've become,
creating your own strength,
beauty and grace.*

*Congratulations
and
May God Bless you with
Success and Happiness
throughout your life
and all your endeavors.*

*I Love You Very Much,
Your Mother*

Congratulations
Dionisha N. Ducree

My Beautiful Granddaughter

May God Continue to Bless You Always.

I am very proud of you.

You have proven that

Success

comes through hard work.

*Good Luck in all your
future endeavors.*

*I Love You Always,
Grandmother*

Congratulations
Dionisha Ducree

*on your excellence
and
being the first one in our family
to graduate from College.
May the road to life be always smooth.
May God be with you.*

*We love you and are so proud of you.
Bianca, Gail and Wilbert*

Congratulations
Dionisha
*on your college
graduation.*

*We love you
and
are so proud of you.*

***Ta'Ron, Juan, Keyan,
To'chen, Kure,
Shakira & Carol***

Congratulations
Dionisha
*on a
fantastic job.*

Pam

Congratulations
Adria Cerise Cauthen

You made it!!!

I am very proud of you.

*I hope you have the best of luck in life and
always remember I am proud of you and love
you because you are the **BEST!***

*Love Always,
Mama*

Adria

*May every Dream
come true in Life.
May God Bless
and
Keep You!*

***Love always,
Aunt Edna &
Uncle Ernest***

Congratulations

Adria

*We are very
proud of your
accomplishments.*

*We Love You,
Your Family*

Alethea Nicholle Shepherd

Nicki,

*Congratulations on your outstanding achievement
at Bennett. I love you very much!*

Daddy

Alethea Nicholle Shepherd

“Leethy”,

*“The race is not given to the swift, neither to the
strong, but to the one who endures until the end.”*

You did it!!!

*Love,
Mom*

Alethea N. Shepherd

Nicki,

*Congratulations!
We are so proud of you.
We both love you very much.*

*Grandma Ollie
&
Daddy Zack*

Crystal R. McCray



*A job well done.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom & Dad*

Shontonette Smith

Congratulations!

&

We Love You!

***Russ
Rushon & Ebony***

***The Yearbook
Staff***

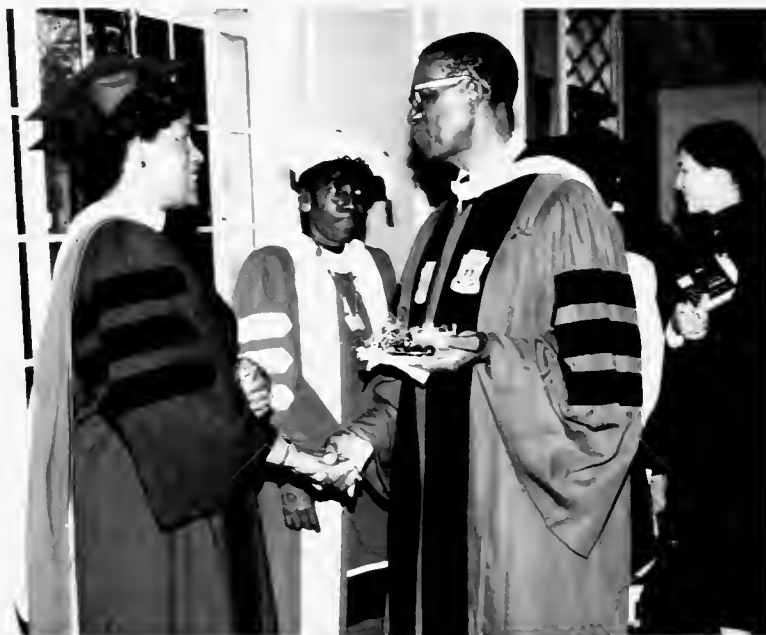
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the
Senior Class
of
1997!***

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(Remember) this:...
he who sows generously and that blessings
may come to someone, will also
reap generously
and with blessings.

II Corinthians 9:6

Shontonette Smith

"I'm Proud of You"

*In many ways I'm proud of you.
You've come a long, long way.
The growth in your abilities
Has struck me day by day.*

*Each person has a goal to reach.
A place they'd like to be.
A standard they aspire for
Results they'd like to see.*

*It's not the stakes that count, but rather
How we sense our movements
You are on a steady course,
Of rapid self-improvement.*

*The progress you are showing
Makes me want to say aloud,
I'm happy where you're going
And you make us VERY PROUD!!!!*

***Love,
Mom & Dad***

Shontonette Smith

*We are very proud of you for
achieving such a great goal in your life.
Congratulations!!!!*

Love,

*Grandma, Agnes & Dwayne Rodgers, Leroy & Barbara
McDowell, Franklin & Derrick McDowell, Beneatta Smith,
Randy & Patricia Smith, Lashonda & Passion Smith, Maurice
& Vanessa Williams, Kenosha & Maurice Jr. Williams, and
Sheneatta & Donnie*

Cecilia LaRoche

We are proud of you and what you have achieved.

You should be proud of yourself and all of your accomplishments.

We are really happy for you and impressed, not only with your success but with the motivation and strength of character you show in getting where you want to go.

You are someone who deserves the good things that happen and I have a feeling that there are more good things in store for you in the future.

May God guide you on your new journey through life.

Congratulations!

***Love always,
Mabel and Vernon***

Cecilia LaRoche

Congratulations! May this achievement mark the beginning of a lifetime of dreams that come true.

Love, Joey, Wendy, and Whitney

Congratulations! You have accomplished one of many goals that you've set forth in life. Best of luck in continuing your education and all future endeavors.

Love, Tony & Samona LaRoche

Congratulations on your achievement. This is a very important step with many more to follow. May God Bless you and guide you on your path.

Love Always, The Pitchford Family

Good Luck! We wish you more success in the future.

Love Always, Michelle, Ruffus, Malaysia

Bennett College Songs

PREFERENCE SONG

There are many, many
schools in the East and in the
West;
sometimes you may be
questioned as to which one is
the best;
If you really want to know
There is one that will stand
out;
It's dear old Bennett College.
That's the school you hear
about.

CHORUS

Some prefer to go to Spelman,
Others A&T
some say here's to Talladega;
Others Johnson C.
But Bennett College is the
best,
girls;
Lift high your colors bright
Raise your voice in a cheer,
girls
For the Dear old Blue and
White!
Rah! - Rah! - Rah!



TELL ME WHY

Tell me why the stars do shine
Tell me why the ivy twines.
Tell me why the sky's so blue
Tell me Old Bennett
Just why I love you.

Because God made the stars
to shine
Because God made the ivy
twine
Because God made the sky so
blue
God made old Bennett
That's why I love you.



ALMA MATER

Words by Carol Cotton
Music by Edith Player Brown

1. Bennett now our voices
raise.
Harmonies of grateful
praise;
We thy daughters find
thee fair
Loyalty thy colors bear.
Truth and honor in thy halls.
Faith and love within
thy walls;
Ever dear to us thou art
Firm within each loyal heart.

CHORUS

Alma Mater, now we sing
Hail the light that thou dost
bring;
True we've been throughout
the past,
True to thee while life
shall last.

2. May we never smirch the
good
Gendered here in sisterhood;
May we ever choose a-right
Guided but by honor bright;
Ever lovelier shalt thou live
As thy daughters freely give
Ever glorious a-bove.
Testimonies of our love.

(Sing verse 3 Prayerfully)

3. 'Till the evening
shad-ows fall
'Till we heed our last
clear call
Mother, may we offer thee
Lives of worth and pur-i-ty?
Go with us through-out
the years
Smile on us in doubts
and fears;
Bless us with thy tender care
Mother fair-est of the fair!

THE BENNETT IDEAL

Words by Carrie Robinson '33
Tune "Peggy O'Neil"

Bennett's Ideal
Is the girl who is real,
She's a friend ever loyal and true;
By her simple way,
She makes herself known to you.

CHORUS

If she greets you with a smile,
She's the Bennett Ideal;
Always doing things worthwhile,
That's the Bennett Ideal.
If she places her cares on the shelf,
Thinks of others far more than
herself
If from the start
She has love in her heart,
Then, she's the Bennett Ideal.

You've heard it said
She's the girl who's well bred,
For her college she'll stand any
test;
Her motto is skill,
Her creed is good will,
And here's how you know her best;

CHORUS

If she smiles through thick and thin
She's the Bennett Ideal;
If she strives wholehearted to win,
She's the Bennett Ideal;
If she's honest and willing to share,
If she's eager to do and to dare,
Pep and vitality;
Sweet personality;
She's the Bennett Ideal.



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